

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Master's Thesis/Essay Course in International Relations

Självständigt arbete i internationella relationer för masterexamen

30.0 Higher Education

Credits

30.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	EH1706
Valid from:	Autumn 2017
Date of approval:	2017-03-28
Department	Department of Economic History and International Relations
Main field:	International Relations
Specialisation:	A2E - Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Decision

Decided by the board of the Department of Economic History. Revised March 28.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Completed researches for BA or equivalent degree including 90 credits in Economic History, International Relations or equivalent topics as history, human geography, economics, anthropology, sociology or political science inc. a thesis or other independent project of at least 15 credits. In addition students must have fulfilled the following courses at advanced level:

"Theory in Social Science", 7,5 (cred.) and "Method in Social Science" 7,5 (cred.), "Quantitative methods" 7,5 (cred.), "Reading course in International Relations, 7,5 (cred.), or "Theory and Method, Globalization, Environment and Social Change", 15 (cred.), or equivalent. English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1706	Master's Thesis/Essay Course in International Relations	30

Course content

The goal of the seminar is to be of continual assistance to the students in the course of their different writing tasks. It will consist of application exercises and discussions around source evaluation, methodology and theoretical framing. It will furthermore be a forum for presentation, discussion and examination of working papers and essays produced by the participants of the seminar.

Learning outcomes

After completing this course students are expected to be able to:

- actively participate in discussions about epistemological and methodological problems as well as evaluation of sources;
- analyse and discuss the results of other students;
- independently conduct a major scientific investigation within the research field of International Relations and present their results with a high degree of scientific rigour;
- present their results orally and argue their validity.

Education

Continuous participation at the essay seminars, which are scheduled to convene on a monthly basis.
The attendance is obligatory.

Forms of examination

Presentation and defence of the master's thesis, active participation at the seminars and opposition of a fellow student's essay.

The following grades will be used: A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F.

Interim

When the course has ceased or the contents essentially changed, the student has the right to, once per term during the following three terms, be examined according to this course plan.

Limitations

The course may not be credited in the degree together with a course with content similar to this course.

Required reading

For information about the course literature, see Department of Economic History's webpage,
<http://ekohist.su.se>